

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated May 9, 2005. Claims 1 to 6, 9 to 33 and 36 to 58 are pending in the application, with Claims 8 and 35 having been cancelled. Claims 1, 28 and 55 to 58, all of which are independent, have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 33 and 35 to 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, it was alleged that support for a predetermined template "dedicated for surplus images" is not found in the specification.

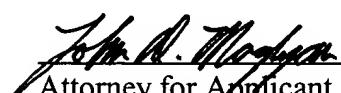
The Office Action suggested to use a term or terms other than "surplus". In response, the term has been deleted altogether. In addition, the subject matter of Claim 8, which has previously been indicated as allowable, has been added to all independent claims, and Claims 8 and 35 have been cancelled. The foregoing actions are without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejection, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 28 and 55 to 58 as amended are seen to be in condition for allowance. The remaining claims, which depend on these independent claims, are also seen to be in condition for allowance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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